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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: ALGERIAN REACTION TO MADRID DEVELOPMENTS

1. ALGERIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY COMMUNIQUE ON SAHARA PUBLISHED IN OFFICIAL PRESS NOV 15 SAYS THAT ALGERIA CANNOT RENOUNCE SELF-DETERMINATION PRINCIPLE," WHICH IS MOST VALUABLE ATTAINMENT OF PEOPLE AND CARDINAL PRINCIPLE OF UN." GOA'S REFUSAL TO ACCEPT SOLUTION TO WHICH IT NOT PARTY ALSO REITERATED.

2. PRESS REPORTS THAT, IN ACCOUNT OF DELIBERATIONS OF SPANISH COUNCIL OF MINISTERS, SPANISH INFO MINISTER HERRERA SAID SPAIN WOULD LEAVE COLONY ON FEB 28, 1976 AND WISHED OPINION OF SAHRAOUI PEOPLE RESPECTED AT APPROPRIATE TIME. NO MENTION MADE OF PLANNED SPANISH-MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN ADMINISTRATION OF COLONY PRIOR TO FEB 28 OR OF BI-PARTITE MOROCCAN-MAURITANIAN RULE THAT IS TO FOLLOW.
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3. ABERKANE OF FON MINISTRY TOLD ME NOV 14 THAT SENIOR SPANISH OFFICIAL EXPECTED TO ARRIVE HERE SHORTLY TO EXPLAIN AGREEMENT. ABERKANE ALSO NOTED COMMUNIQUE'S REFERENCE TO PRINCIPLES OF UN CHARTER AND ASKED HOW THAT COULD BE RECONCILED WITH AGREEMENT'S APPARENT REJECTION OF PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION.

4. COMMENT: ALGERIAN REACTION MILD SO FAR AND WE BELIEVE QUESTION OF WHAT THEY WILL ULTIMATELY DO REMAINS TO BE ANSWERED. SPANISH EMISSARY MENTIONED BY ABERKANE IS PROBABLY IN FOR ROUGH TIME.

5. SUSPECT ALGERIANS WILL WAIT UNTIL THEY HAVE CLEARER PICTURE OF WHAT TRANSPIRED BEFORE THEY START REACTING MORE STRONGLY. THIS MORNING'S PRESS REPORTS AFRICAN GROUP AT UN HAS BEEN SEIZED WITH PROBLEM AND WE SUSPECT THIS WILL BE ONE OF PRINCIPLE ROUTES ALGERIANS WILL FOLLOW. BEEFING UP OF F POLISARIO WILL OF COURSE BE ANOTHER. ALGERIANS WILL ALSO SEEK TO GET BACK AT SPANISH SOMEHOW, BUT THEIR OPTIONS ARE LIMITED. THEY WILL LIKELY ACCUSE US OF HAVING BEEN BEHIND THE AFFAIR AND THIS WILL NOT MAKE THEM ANY MORE COOPERATIVE. THERE AGAIN, HOWEVER, THEIR OPTIONS FOR DOING DAMAGE ARE LIMITED. WE HERE MAY BE IN FOR DIFFICULT TIME, BUT AS OF THIS MOMENT SEE NO SIGN OF IT.
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